### **GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

## Finance & Administration Inclusion & Equity Committee



**Fall Program:** Disability Resources: A Discussion of Services and Response Options Available at GVSU

Wednesday, October 26th 9:00 - 11:00 in 2270 KC

October is Inclusion & Accessibility Month! Our fall program this year will feature Kathleen VanderVeen, AVP for Equity, Planning & Compliance, and a panel of GVSU students who benefit from the support and services of Kathleen's staff. The Disability Support Resources office provides a wide range of services to our students and employees that enable them to be successful in their day to day activities at GVSU. You will leave this event with a better understanding of the challenges some of our students & employees face and with knowledge about what you can do to increase the awareness and acceptance of people with disabilities on our campus and in our communities.

To register, please e-mail Esther Ricco (<u>riccoe@gvsu.edu</u>) no later than Monday, October 24th.



### GVSU 2016 United Way Campaign

The GVSU United Way Campaign is coming to a close! The goal of the campaign committee is to get 100% of the pledge forms returned to captains! Even if you are unable to contribute to the campaign at this time, we ask that you please turn in your blank pledge form...this is our way of ensuring that all emplovees have been provided an opportunity to Pledge forms participate. should be returned to your captain ASAP or can be sent directly to Brian Doeselaar @ 2015 JHZ.

## Annual iPie Award: Intentional Practice of Inclusion & Equity

Is there someone in your office who actively welcomes, accepts, encourages and includes people of all heritages, lifestyles, religions and backgrounds?

If so, this is your chance to honor them for their efforts! You can nominate them for the Finance & Administration Inclusion and Equity iPie Award! Nominations are being taken until November 4th, and can be submitted online. The winner of the award will be announced at our Fall Divisional Forum on November 29th! If someone you know in our division is deserving of this award, please take the time to nominate them!



### National Conference on Race & Ethnicity Each year one or two members of the Finance

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are given the opportunity to attend this conference. The National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), is a conference that focuses on the important ongoing and emerging social justice issues of our institutional communities in Higher Education. The conference offers over 300 sessions on topics ranging from issues of race, ethnicity, religion, class, gender, sovereignty, immigration status and intersectionality. At the 2015 and 2016 NCORE conference, Grand Valley State University was recognized as having a group of 10 or more participants in attendance. Brenda Sain and Tara Bivens members of the Finance and Administration Inclusion and Equity committee attended the 2015 and 2016 conference. NCORE unites professionals in virtually all campus activities/services areas, including Human Resources, Business and Finance, Public Safety, Athletics and service/support staff. The conference is about empowering those bold enough to be difference makers by providing information and a forum for collaboration and support. For those who are interested in attending, the 2017 conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, May 30th - June 3rd, 2017.

## Other Events Around Campus

10/18/16 4-5:30 @ CDC "Conquering China: Autism Style" 10/20/16 4-5:30 @ KC2263 "Preserving the Norton Burial Mounds" 10/24/16 4:30-5:45 @ MIP Library Multipurpose Room "The St. Louis and the Refugee Crisis" 10/27/16 2:30-3:30 KC2270 "Islamophobia: Fearing Muslims, Past and Present" 11/18/16 1:00-2:30 LGBT Ctr. "Queer & Trans 101: A Training for Allies" 11/18/16 1:00-2:30 LGBT Ctr.

# Your Finance & Administration Inclusion & Equity Committee

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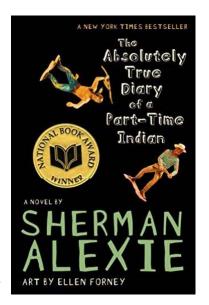
### **Book Review**

(from Amazon.com)

If you're looking for an interesting book that's a quick read, be sure to check out "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie.

Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live.



### Other Good Reads & Movies

Books By Robin DiAngelo, PhD:

"What Does it Mean To Be White? Developing White Racial Literacy"
"Is Everyone Really Equal? An Introduction to Key Concepts in Critical Social Justice Education"

### On the Big Screen:

"The Color of Fear" directed by Lee Mun Wah

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